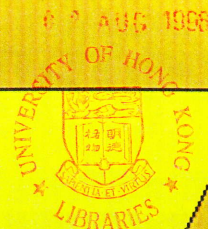


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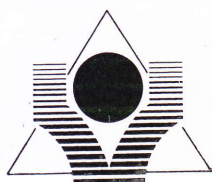
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The Home Affairs Branch called a very hurried press conference to announce the results of the Sexuality Discrimination survey on the 26th June with less than one hour notice, in itself something of a record. But why didn't they take the courtesy to invite any of the Gay organisations which have so much at stake?

The results of the consultation will come as no surprise but will surely be a disappointment to those who have been following the moves and ploys of the government. It's obvious that last summer's promise to conduct a consultation on sexuality discrimination was nothing more than a delaying tactic.

The Secretary for Home Affairs, Michael Suen claimed 10,000 responses had been received. This is highly suspect as up until 24 hours before the end of the 'consultation period' less than 4,000 had been received.

Suen also said that many of the respondents were from educational or religious groups. Clearly there was a great orchestration going-on here that the Gay groups were unaware of...and that is our own fault. This was likely to happen and, apart from a few individuals in the lesbian and Gay community, we did little or nothing to thwart the bigots and their gay bashing hate campaign.

The Home Affairs Branch, in an overt attempt to label homosexuality as a Western import, said "homosexuality was against traditional Chinese culture" blatantly and obviously ignoring thousands of years of well documented history of homosexuality in the imperial Chinese courts. China has long been far more tolerant of gay sex than western civilisations.

All however is not yet lost....

The Gay community will have another and a final chance of getting legislation in place before the hand-over in 1997. Lau Chin-shek has sponsored a private member's Bill on Anti Discrimination on the grounds of sexuality. The first reading of the Bill was introduced in Legco on the 3rd July.

It is up to anyone who cares about equal opportunities in Hong Kong to make it known to Legco that Gay people want and demand EQUAL not special rights.

Don't leave it to others to get the point across. It is the responsibility of every Gay person in Hong Kong to ensure their voice is heard.

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# POOR

*Billy*



by R Stephen

**B**illy was always an impulsive person. So it was no surprise to me when he came out to his parents. And I was not surprised when they reacted the way that they did. Billy was a friend of mine all through college, well, until he left. My name is John, and I'm straight by the way.

I sort of reacted real well I guess the night that Billy had told me. I mean, we were friends, I knew he was an OK guy, why should I care if he was gay or not. He never bothered me at all, don't get the wrong idea, I'm straight and Billy knew that. He just wanted to have some gay friends. Not in New Wellington though, New Wellington, New Zealand, where Billy and I grew up. The town has never been described by anyone as being "gay friendly". Billy's parents were sort of typical of the really poor families in town. Everything was set in stone, you just picked up the Good Book and there it all was clear and plain. And of course the preacher in town was always there if you had any parts you couldn't get. Mr. Carruthers (that was Billy's last name)

he didn't have any doubts. It was all plain and simple. He threw Billy out the front door and then he made Mrs. Carruthers throw his clothes out behind him.

The man at the General Store in town let him use the phone and Billy called me and told me what had happened. He said he was heading for Australia. We were school sixth formers at the time. We were both 17. I tried to talk him out of it. I told him that Sidney would eat him alive and spit him out and as it turns out I guess I was right. Poor Billy, he never really had a chance in this life.

He would send me letters every now and then from Australia. I could tell that he wasn't really happy. At first Billy was living on the streets and I'm pretty sure he



was selling himself. He didn't talk much about the gay parts. I think he knew that I didn't want to hear it. But Billy was still my friend and there for a while, when he had an address, I wrote back to him. I told him about things in New Wellington. The kids in our class, the town and, sad to say, his family too. He had two younger brothers in the school when his dad kicked him out. I felt really bad for the guy.

Then my father had to go to Sidney on business and he decided to take us along. I was really excited. Billy was living with this guy Ted and I had a phone number and an address, I felt wonderful about going to Australia. My parents knew about Billy, hell the whole town did, but my parents were pretty open minded and remembered Billy as a "good kid". So they agreed to let Billy and I meet on Saturday night. I phoned him and he sounded really excited. We left on Friday afternoon for Sidney.

Billy had told me how to take the bus to

get to Ted's place and I arrived about ten minutes late. Ted answered the door "You must be John" he said, welcoming me. I couldn't believe it when I saw Billy. He looked so much older, and his hair was all weird like a punk rocker. He was thin too, much too thin. It scared me. Poor Billy.

I sat there and talked to Billy and Ted that night. We must have talked for five hours. They were telling me about what it was like to be gay and on the streets

and I hugged him back. Ted was there smiling, and that was the last time I saw Billy alive.

Ted called me in April, the year after I graduated. I was home from college for the Easter holidays. Billy had just died. It wasn't AIDS, it was murder. Someone had decided that he looked like a queer. They didn't like Billy, and he was alone, and they kicked his ribs in, and they punctured his lung, he choked to death on his own blood. I thought at the time that all

of this had happened because Billy had come out to his parents. I remember thinking too that we ought to live in a world where people could just be themselves and their parents would still love them.

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and alone. Ted was a little older than Billy and I. He had been around I guess. It seemed to me as though Ted was looking after Billy. I was riveted to my chair, listening to them and trying to understand what it was like for them. It sort of made the world seem all crazy and wrong.

Then I had to go or I would miss the last bus to my hotel. I stood up to go, and Billy came over to me and hugged me

and I hugged him back. Ted was there smiling, and that was the last time I saw Billy alive.



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# GLOBAL NEWS



## Chile

Twenty-five plainclothes police officers raided two Gay discotheques in Santiago, reports correspondent Tim Frasca. In early May they detained about 25 customers along with the entire cast of the drag show at the El Quasar club. Those arrested were taken to a police station, photographed, fingerprinted, and asked to reveal their sex-act preferences, HIV status and the names of sexual partners. The questioning took place amid threats and verbal abuse, and those detained charged. Television Nacional filmed the raids in preparation for an expose on homosexual prostitution. A week later, Chief Detective Nelson Mery met with the Movimiento de Liberacion Homosexual (MOVILH) and claimed the raids had been a "mistake." He promised an internal investigation and turned over 24 arrest files to MOVILH. Gay leaders wore gloves to shake Mery's hand since the police had worn gloves and hospital gowns during the arrests. Large-scale Gay-bar raids have been rare in Chile recently. Activists believe the crack-down was sparked by the TV network's need for footage or by anger that an openly Gay man is running for office in the November elections.

## Germany

The Lutheran Church of Hamburg, Germany, accepted the first public blessing of a homosexual couple by AIDS chaplain Rainer Jarchow. "All people are in need of blessing," said Bishop Maria Jepsen after a meeting with Jarchow. Anyone who wishes to receive "God's word of comfort" on their common path in responsibly living as Christians, should not be refused, Jepsen said. However in Latvia the synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church approved a revised version of the church resolution of September 1994 "On Pursuit of Homosexuality." The revised resolution stated that homosexuality is a "deadly sin" and congregations are instructed to exclude from the Eucharist all practising homosexuals who don't repent of their homosexuality. It also said those "deliberately practising homosexuality and having chosen it as their way of life are not allowed to fulfil any duties and positions in the church hierarchy." The resolution was approved by an overwhelming majority of synod members.

Funky, the most popular Gay club in Taipei, which was very crowded, to conduct what they called a 'routine check'. They insisted the music to be stopped and told everybody to leave the club. They demanded people show their ID. The crowd were in an uproar and refused to cooperate by showing their ID either or leaving. After half hour, a lot of people were still in the club. The police was unable to do anything and decided instead to call it a random inspection. Finally they gave up and left the club at 13:30, letting people go back inside. The crowd applauded with victory. Everything quickly returned to normal. Funky stayed open until 4:30 that night instead of closing at 3:00.

## Malta

The first ever Gay and Lesbian Pride event is taking place in Floriana, Malta. Already planned for the weekend of 29-30 July 96 is a film festival, a sculpture exhibition, a forum on health care, dancers, folk music, a stand up comedian and a drag show by "Georgina." The events will be taking place at Malta's top Gay bar, the Tom Bar complex. Organisers visited Euro-pride in Amsterdam two years ago with a small group, and are excited about organising this first ever pride event. Malta is a small island country in the Mediterranean Sea, south of Sicily in Italy. It's population according to the latest Spartacus Guide is about 360,000 people of which 97% are Roman Catholic.

## Taiwan

At 00:45, police officers entered into

## South Pacific

Unless culturally conservative and devoutly Christian residents change their conservative attitude about safe-sex education, a serious AIDS threat looms for the 22 island countries and territories in the South Pacific, warns a United Nations report. The South Pacific had only 234 reported AIDS cases as of

June 1995, but the report suggests that the number of HIV infections is actually much higher. The region's medical facilities and doctors are not equipped to treat AIDS, and the countries lack the money to handle an epidemic, the report said. Most residents are not aware of the serious threat of AIDS, said one of the authors, calling for an end to taboos regarding public discussion and sex education.

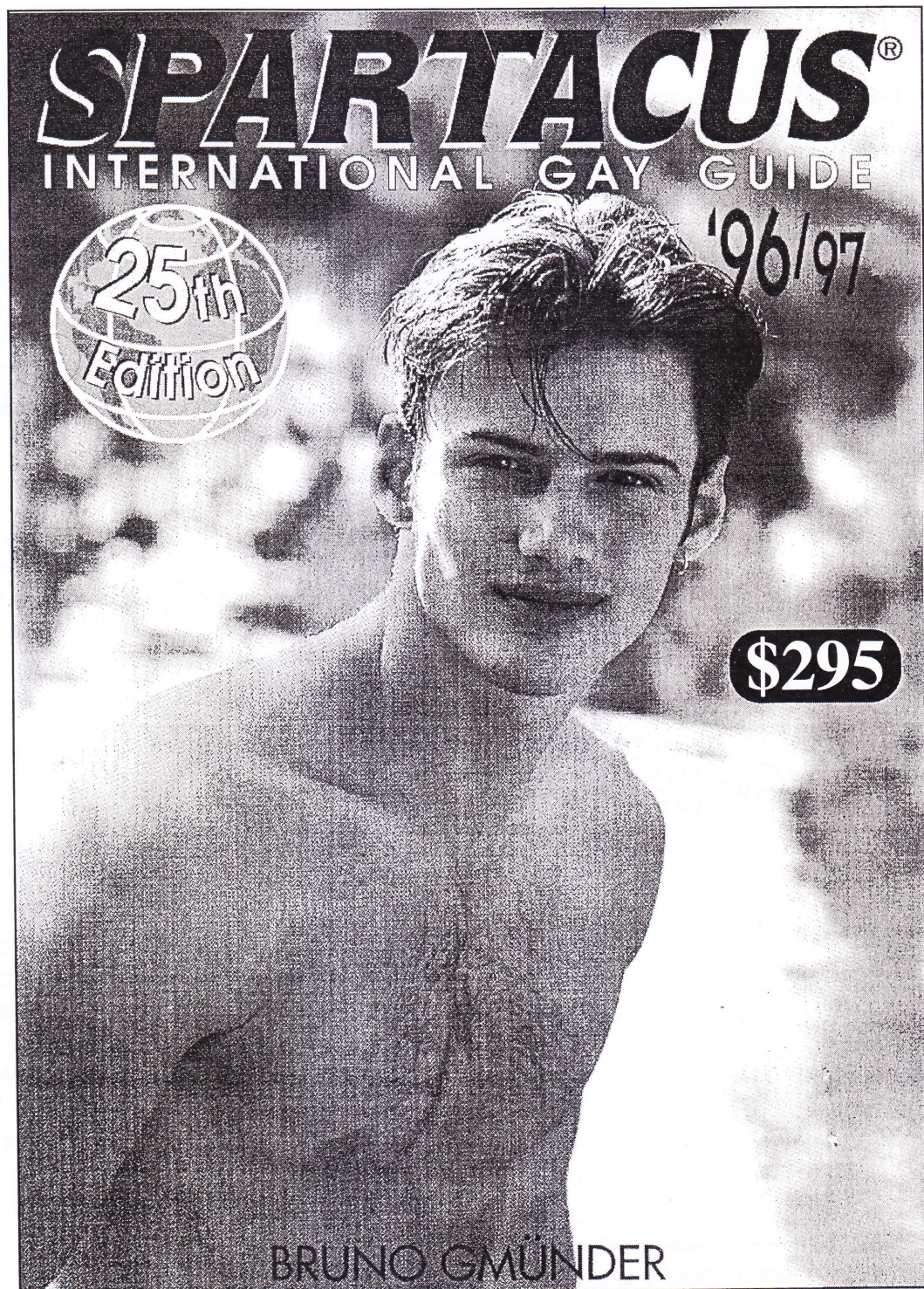
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## Iceland

On June 4th Parliament introduced a Partnership Law, or as it's known in Icelandic terminology 'confirmed co-existence'. The law mainly follows the partnership laws in Sweden, Denmark and Norway. The main difference is that the Icelandic law makes it possible for a married Gay couple to get joint custody of children. The law came into force on June 27th, so-called Stonewall Day, the international day of Gay liberation and pride. "We are very happy that the Icelanders now recognise Gay love", said RFSL president Haakan Andersson. "For the sake of the children it is important that the Icelandic law makes joint custody possible. Iceland has shown the way, and now we hope that Sweden and other countries follow" he went onto say.



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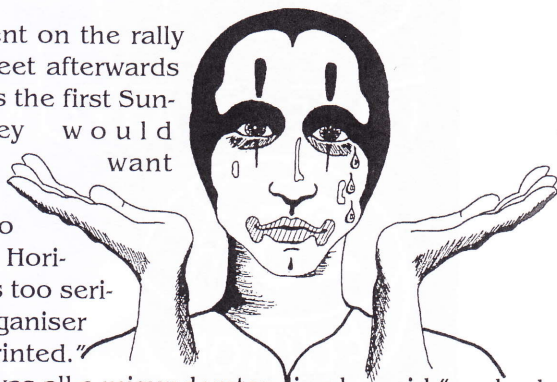
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# Scene 香港 Around

The Gay Coalition wanted everyone who went on the rally for Equal Opportunity on the 7th July to meet afterwards for a drink and social time together. As it was the first Sunday of the month they asked, , Horizons if they would help by welcoming the rally-ers. "We didn't want to run something in opposition to the Tea Dance, we just wanted people to be able to get together, said the their spokesperson." Horizons responded by saying that 'the subject is too serious for the Tea Dance'. When pressed the organiser said 'sorry the tickets have already been printed.' But according to Roddy Shaw of Horizons it was all a misunderstanding he said "anybody who is Gay friendly and pays an entrance fee may take part in the Tea Dance."



## Best Gay Bar?

Petticoat Lane was, apparently voted by readers of HK Magazine, as Gay bar of the year. But is Petticoat Lane really Gay? Not according to Nichole Garnaut, Managing Director of the '97 Group. "my personal opinion is that a mixed bar is more interesting. If it's all Gay then they get bored with it" she told the magazine. We say there is too little space in HK for Gay people...don't dilute what little there is!

## NEW NAME

The Hong Kong Blessed Minority Christian Fellowship sounds like a new organisation but has been around for a long time known firstly as the 10% Christian Group, then the Gay and Lesbian Christian Fellowship the group meet the first Sunday of the month at St. John's Cathedral, Garden Road, Central. They aim to raise respect and understanding for Gays and Lesbians. They also want to provide support and meeting places. Their address is PO Box 20516, Hennessey Road Post Office, Hong Kong.

Need help advice on the IRC? Then maybe you should contact Topcat, the channel operator for #GayHongKong on IRC using the Undernet network. If you feel like dropping in for an on-line chat, please do, there are always plenty of friendly guys. Topcat's address is topcat@interserve.com.hk...And a reminder that a plain text version of Contacts Magazine is available on the Internet. Details bandt@hk.super.net







## SELECTION



Men of all kinds is the latest offering from Freeman, the Gay men only group. On the 28th July The Pavilion Restaurant 12-22 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai will host "an exciting afternoon of fun, games matching and heavy cruising" according to their spokesperson. Although they say the dialogue will be in Cantonese we have always thought cruising (or fishing as it's known locally) didn't need a lot of talking? See Gay Guide for their pager details.

Sixty hundred thousand dollars was the magnificent sum raised by the '97 Group at the Mad Hatters Tea Party for AIDS Concern. Let's hope their accounting is better than for the Calendar Project who said they donated \$250,000 to the charity. AIDS Concern claimed, in their latest report, to have received only \$200,000. But then what's \$50,000 between friends?



## QUOTES ONOLES

### What they said...

"I see some of their customers, and I believe there are many homosexuals because they look so image-conscious"

*Chaing Oi-ling Portobello Art Galleries talking about Fetish Fashion to SCMP*

Security is mostly a superstition. Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than out-right exposure.

*Helen Keller*

"Okay, conservatives have changed my mind. Allowing Gay marriage, I have been persuaded, will destroy the family, weaken Western civilisation, turn America into Sodom and Gomorrah, increase the trade deficit with Japan, endanger the family farm and promote tooth decay. The impeccable logic of conservative opponents is simply too powerful to deny."

*Chicago Tribune columnist Stephen Chapman.*

"I have no plans to go back to music for now. As for a book, I wouldn't know what to write about. I am often so haunted by my legacy [as Sonny & Cher's daughter]. Everyone is so fascinated by my childhood. If I was going to do a book, that would be the last thing I'd do [it about]. There are so many other really important things to do. Things for the Gay and Lesbian community, and things that really matter."

*Chastity Bono to Atlanta's Etcetera.*

"There is no reason I can see why Gays and Lesbians shouldn't get married. It is important because those are the things that bring you in and make you feel part of the social fabric. The idea that [my friends] Melissa [Etheridge] and [her lover] Julie can't be married—that seems ridiculous to me. Ridiculous!

*Bruce Springsteen to The Advocate.*

"It took us a short time to change the law [to legalise Gay sex] but changing people's attitude will take well into the next century."

*Genç Xhelaj, 34, president of Albania's first Gay group, to London's Gay Times.*



# NO HELP

## Hong Kong Government fails to help Gays

Last July the Hong Kong Government lobbied very hard to make sure that Anna Wu's Equal Opportunity Bill (EOB) was not passed by Legco. The EOB (which got no further than its initial introduction in Legco) if passed, would make it unlawful to discriminate on the basis of sexuality. The EOB was the most significant piece of legislation to ever address the problems dealt with by the Lesbian and Gay community in Hong Kong. In negating the legislation, and in an attempt to appease this oppressed group last year, the Home Affairs Office proposed "education and conciliation" as a way to eliminate sexuality discrimination, and promised to conduct a consultation on the situation.

When the consultation document was finally issued six months later, it was criticised by most who read it as being slanted entirely against Lesbians, Gays and discredited as little more than a document of propaganda. The most substantive section of the document was the analysis of a questionnaire used to gauge the public's attitude of homosexuality. Respondents to the questionnaire indicated a 34% approval rating of homosexuals. Local grass roots Lesbian and Gay activists asked why such a negative portrayal of the Lesbigan community was included in a document if the document's purpose was to objectively determine the attitudes of the community at large. Readers were asked to submit their comments on the topic of whether legislation should be introduced to make sexuality discrimination unlawful.

Almost three months after the last submission was received by the Government, a press conference was held by Michael Suen, the Secretary for Home Affairs, the

Government department responsible for overseeing the consultative process. No Gay or Lesbian organisations were invited to the meeting. Mr. Suen claimed that more than 10,000 submissions were received in response to the consultation document, 85% of which opposed any form of legislation protecting Lesbians and Gays.

A consultation looking at discrimination based on family status (divorced, single parents...) was conducted at the same time. Mr. Suen said preparation for legislation to protect this class of Hong Kong people would start immediately, but there was only a "majority preference for administrative measures to tackle discrimination on the ground of sexual orientation." The Administration also promised to persuade Legislative Councillors to support its proposals - legislation outlawing discrimination based on family status, but only "administrative measures" to protect the Lesbigan community.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Government itself has failed to implement a policy against discrimination within its own ranks, (the civil service) Mr. Suen reiterated his "strong commitment to the principle of equal opportunities for all" and claimed that the "proposed measures were aimed at removing potential injustice or unfair restriction on a individual's rights for equal opportunities."

Hearing of the Government's plan to prevent legislation from being passed, one observer with a guarantee of anonymity said, "I've lived in Hong Kong for over 20 years, and I don't think there is much discrimination here. Or perhaps maybe I've just re-engineered my life so that I'm not reminded of it every day." One activist who asked not to be identified claimed "Denial is about the only way to survive

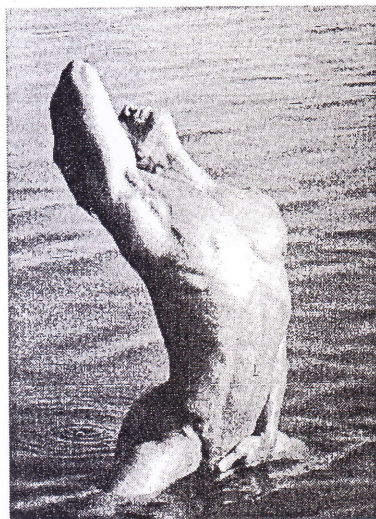
if you're Lesbian or Gay in Hong Kong. First we deny that we're Gay, then we deny that it's a significant problem for ourselves, then we deny that speaking up about it will result in any change."

Last month the Government appointed Dr. Fanny Cheung as head of the Equal Opportunity Commission - the newly established organisation responsible for seeing that provisions in the Sex and Disability Discrimination Ordinances are adhered to. Ms. Cheung, whose monthly compensation package is more than HK\$250,000 will oversee a staff of 66 people when the Commission is fully running in September. Ms. Cheung claims to have actively worked to eliminate discrimination for the past twenty years. "I know from experience and results... that legal advocacy, conciliation and education have more sustainable effects..." None of those interviewed had ever even heard of Ms. Cheung.

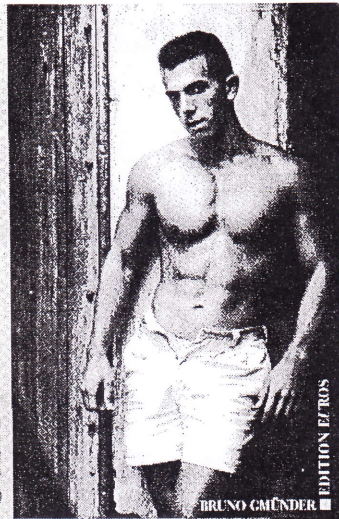
A member of the Hong Kong Gay Coalition, Robin Adams asked the lesbigan community to remember growing up as a Gay teenager, and the painful memories of self hatred. "We've probably all considered suicide at one time or another. The legislation won't stop this, but it is the quickest, most efficient way of educating the people of Hong Kong that it's okay to be Gay." And on the topic of 1997, Adams claimed "Obtaining equal rights for Lesbians and Gays won't end with the eventual passage of legislation. This will be a never ending battle. Once July 1 '97 is reached, the local community will see that there never really was anything to be fearful of, and hopefully become true leaders of this movement.

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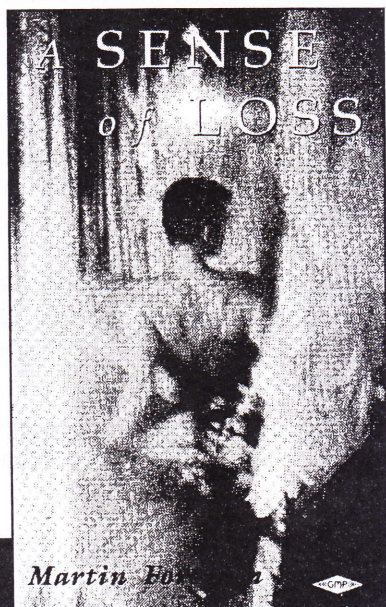
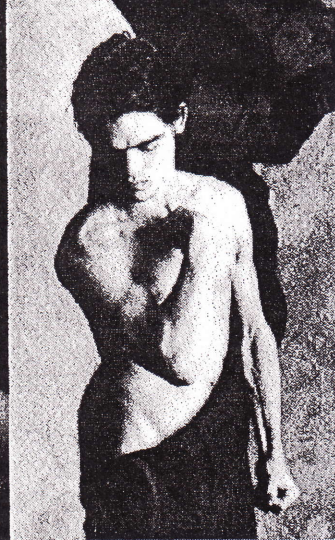
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## Are Lesbians At Risk for Contra

**Y**es! Is the short answer. There have been cases reported since the mid 1980's which indicate that women are transmitting HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) to each other. Despite these reports the Federal Government's Center for Disease Control (CDC) does not include female to female transmission in its AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) reports. Many Lesbians mistakenly believe that they are not at risk. HIV is transmitted when blood, vaginal fluids, breast milk or semen from an HIV infected person enters your blood stream.

Lesbians can be infected with HIV through having unsafe sex (with women or men), donor insemination, sharing injectable drug works, piercing, tattooing and blood transfusions.

Because we do know how HIV is transmitted we can define some guidelines for safer sex and explain which risky sexual behaviors are potentially risky.

Be aware: Drug or alcohol use impairs judgement in many areas including practicing safer sex.

Whether a sexual behavior is safe or unsafe depends on the chances of your partner's bodily fluids coming in contact with your blood.

Wet kissing is safer unless either of you have a sore or cut in your mouth or bleeding gums. After you brush your teeth or floss, wait a half an hour before kissing.

Touching your lover's breast, massage, masturbation and body to body rubbing are safer—as long as there is no blood or breast milk exchanged.

Sores or cuts on the fingers, mouth or

vagina of either partner can increase risk during vaginal and anal contact. Using a glove can prevent a way for the virus to get into your blood stream. Unprotected oral sex is risky, especially when your partner has her period or a vaginal infection. To make it safer, cover her genital area (vulva) with a latex dam (also known as a dental dam) or you can cut open a condom to make a barrier. If a woman is infected, her menstrual blood, vaginal secretions and ejaculate will have the virus in it. HIV has been found in these fluids.

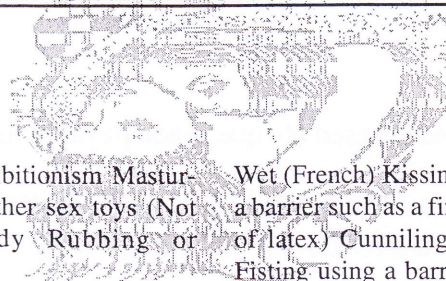
Sex toys are safer when used by yourself, but should not be shared without a new condom being put on them.

S&M; bondage or rough sex is safer if there is no blood involved. If you are piercing each other clean the needle with bleach. In shaving use separate razors.

## Lesbian Safer Sex Guidelines

### NOT RISKY

Massage Hugging Fantasy Voyeurism Exhibitionism Masturbation (Touching Yourself) Vibrators or other sex toys (Not shared) Dry Kissing Body To Body Rubbing or "Tribadism" when fluids are not involved.



### PROBABLY RISKY

Wet (French) Kissing Shared hand & genital contact with a barrier such as a fingercot, glove, or latex dam (a square piece of latex) Cunnilingus (Oral-Genital contact) using a barrier Fisting using a barrier.



# Diagnosis

# Risk

## Attracting HIV from Each Other?

### PROBABLY RISKY

Shared hand, finger & genital contact with cuts or sores  
Cunnilingus (Oral or Tongue to genital contact) without a barrier

### VERY RISKY

Cunnilingus without a barrier during menstruation  
Female or male ejaculate in the mouth, vagina or anus  
Rimming without a barrier  
Fisting without a barrier such as a glove  
Sharing sex toys without a barrier  
Sharing needles of any kind, i.e.: To shoot drugs, pierce or tattoo the skin

### Drugs, Needles and HIV

If you inject drugs, don't share your equipment ("kit" or "works"). If you have to share, clean the equipment between use by flushing the syringe and needle with bleach and water, then flush it with clean uncontaminated clear water.

### Considering Pregnancy

If You Are Considering Pregnancy If you have sex with a man or use donated sperm, make sure he has two HIV tests six months apart and tested negative both times. The first test should be six months after his last possible exposure to HIV. The donor must have no possible exposure to HIV between his last test and donation. All licensed sperm banks test their donors carefully and test the sperm twice.

### Sex with Men

If you have sex with a man, the man must wear a condom for vaginal and anal intercourse. Additionally, if you engage in oral sex, it is necessary that a man wear a condom. HIV is in semen and pre-ejaculate.

If you believe you have been exposed to HIV, get the HIV test. Early detection leads to early treatment (intervention) which slows down the progression of the virus. To be sure of your results, wait 3-6 months after your last risk before retaking the test.

It is understandable to be scared if you think you might have been exposed to HIV. Take a calm and realistic look at the risks you might have taken. Take advantage of the resources we've listed to help you answer any questions you have regarding risky behaviors.

Regardless of your HIV status you should practice safer sex now to protect yourself and your partner from HIV and STD's (Sexually Transmitted Diseases).



# Nothing to Report

by Barrie Brandon

The Equal Opportunity Rally in Chater Road on the 7th July was according to organisers the best turn-out they have so far seen. With well over 200 people demonstrating on one of the hottest days this year it was from the very beginning an event both fun-filled and an awakening of political awareness.

It was therefore a bitter disappointment to see, the following morning, the *South China Morning Post* relegate the report to only 3 paragraphs on the fourth page. They even managed to shrink the size of the crowd to just 100 people! That they printed anything at all is, I suppose, remarkable.

The *Post's* coverage of Equal Opportunities has, since the demise of the *Eastern Express*, been pretty abysmal. The best they could do when the Home Affairs Branch announced the survey findings was a very small report on an inside page.

When Gay activists remonstrated about the appalling lack of coverage over the past months the most their reporter could say was "there hasn't been much Gay news to report."

Nothing to report? Given the amount of news, stories and articles that come across this desk I could, without any doubt at all, fill a complete page of the *Post* every day.

Yet despite offering to write a column, an offer that went unanswered there isn't any out Gay writer working for the *Post*. Is this homophobia at work here?

It's not only the local press that project negative Gay images. Last month *Reuters* tried to cover some old ground when the talked of Gay marriages quoting Hawaii as being one American state where two people of the same sex can get married.

**Wrong.**

As the whole world, with the apparent

exception of *Reuters*, knows Hawaii are still debating the issue. The result is not expected until late autumn.

Then to add further insult they choose to report on the Gay Pride parade in the Philippines. They said "about 500 gays staged a pride march through Manila, the parade was viewed by "a large number of curious onlookers." "We're going to ask for equal treatment, for basic human rights, for acceptance and for people to treat us with dignity," organiser Jomar



Fleras of the group Reach Out.

What is a large crowd? Is it 5,000? 10,000? How many? 'A large crowd' can mean as many or as few as you envisage. Worse though was yet to come. The photo showed a Gay man in drag. Why, oh why, do the papers print only these stereotypical shots. Many of the people on the Parade were down to earth regular guys in jeans and T-shirts according to our source.

And why, may we ask, did they report on such a relatively small parade when there are literally dozens taking place all over the world at this time of year? Granted Manila is way ahead of Hong Kong who could only, I suspect, raise a maximum of 50 people. But that doesn't answer the question.

Meanwhile in Hong Kong *Reuter's* re-

ported "legislators are being urged by activists to adopt legislation to protect gay rights."

**Wrong.**

Gay activists have repeatedly corrected the media from using Gay rights. What the activists and legislators are fighting for is EQUAL rights, a different thing altogether.

*Reuters* also had a problem in differentiating between Gay and homosexual alternating from one to the other so fast it was confusing. And it doesn't need to be. Gay activists have made it clear many, many, times that homosexual simply describes people sexually attracted to people of the same sex. If someone identifies as Gay then that means they accept a completely different life style and social identity

*Reuters* also said "If pushed through, the bill would be a second milestone for the territory's gays and lesbians. The first was when Gay sex between consenting adults was decriminalised in July 1991."

**Wrong.**

It was only ever illegal for Gay men to have sex together, it was never illegal for Lesbians. Worth mentioning that unlike hetties, where the age of consent is 16, Gay sex can only be between two men over 21, and in private.

Justifying the reasons so many people are still in the closet *Reuters* said "Secrecy and invisibility still shroud the homosexual community who fear stigmatisation in largely conservative Hong Kong". Astronomical property prices have forced many to continue living with parents even well into adulthood." Actually I can't agree with that, I think that's what many people say....but it's just an excuse like any other. And should be treated as such. ■

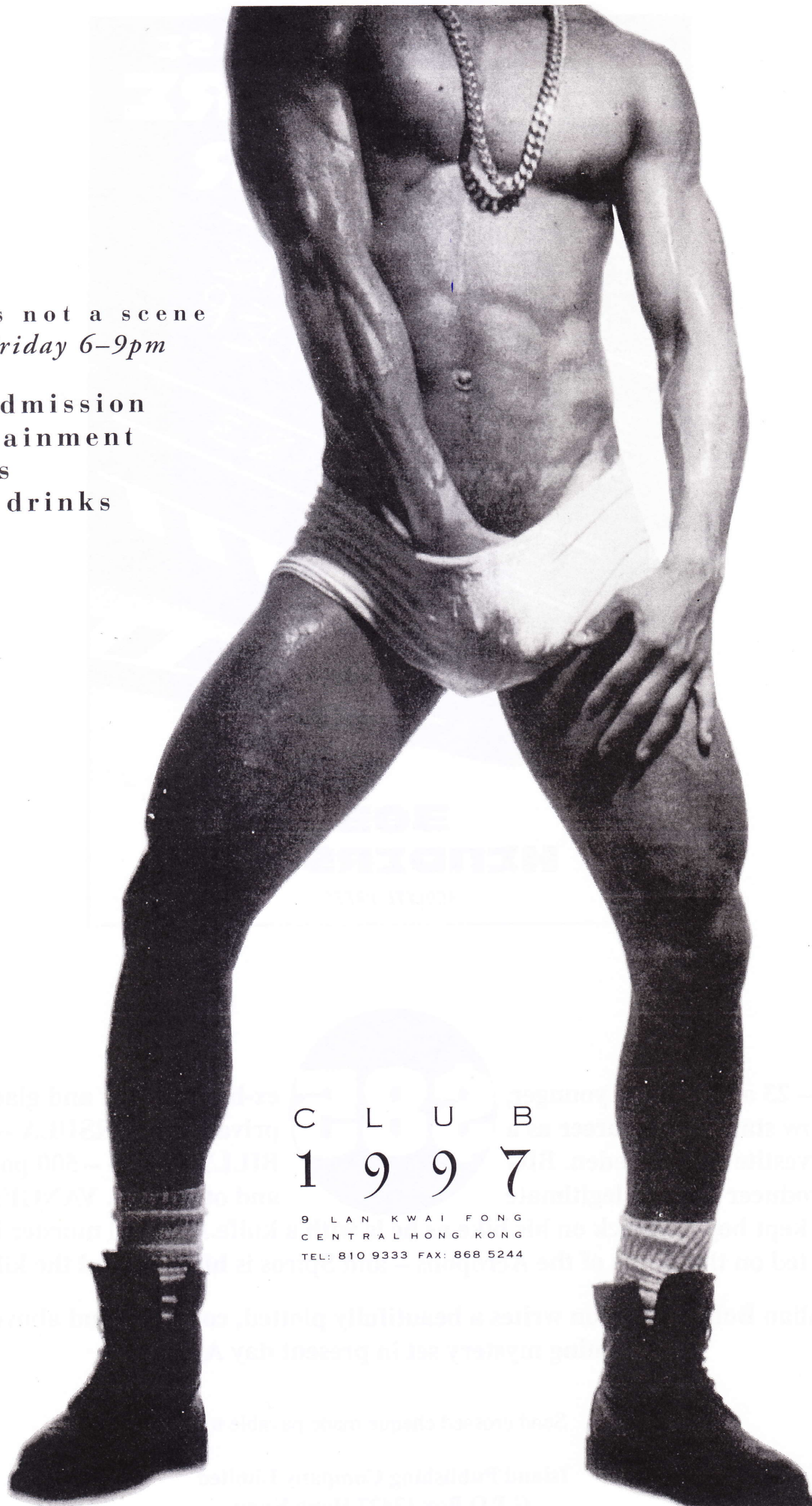


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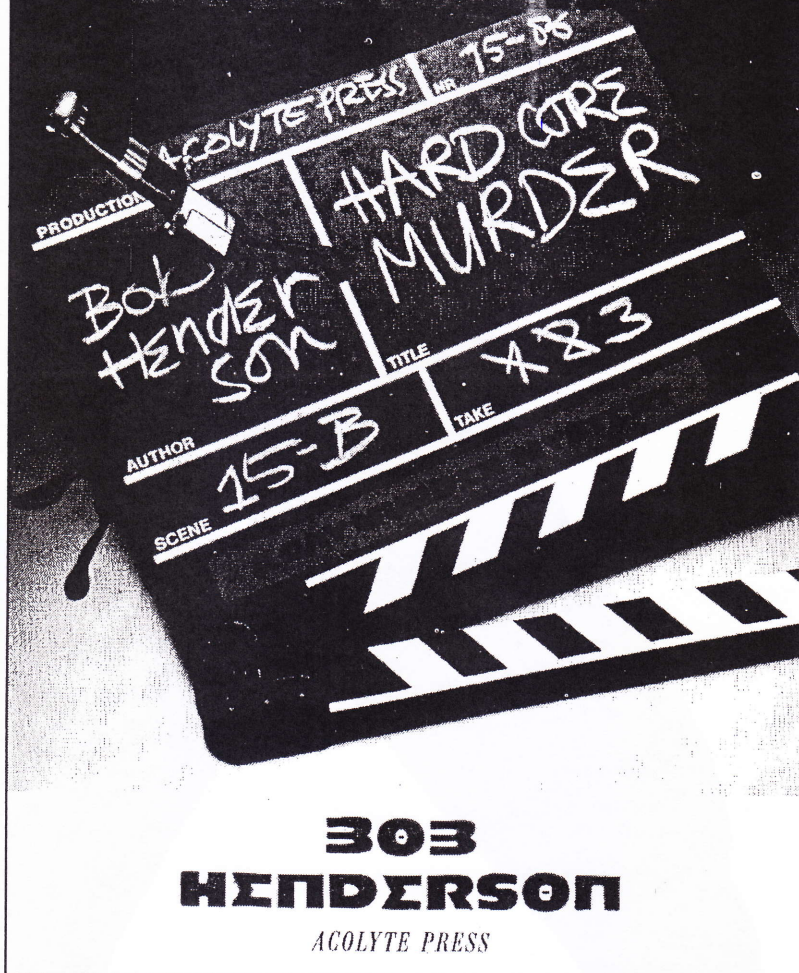
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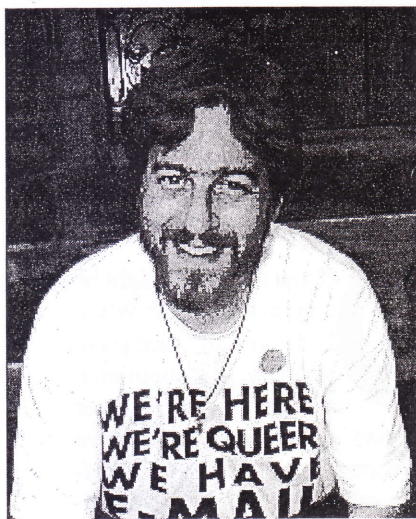
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# Out On the Net

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# TRENDY

## Hello, again!

I hope you spent some time looking at last month's Web addresses. If you missed that article, you can find it at <http://sqzm14.ust.hk/out-on-the-net/>. This month we'll be looking at some Gay and Lesbian web magazines. In the past year there has been an explosion in their number and variety, from slick commercial mags to the more outrageous and confrontational 'zines. Sadly, some of them are junk.

**Big Commercial Mags:** Since the print version of *The Advocate* is a highly informative and well-designed publication, this is the site (<http://www.advocate.com/>) which should be great, but is not. The content is just brief paragraphs designed solely to interest you in getting a paper subscription.

Despite the fairly slow response time, *Out* magazine (<http://www.out.com/>) is worth a visit. Well organised, and with loads of news, feature stories and reviews.

**Capitol Q Online** (<http://www.ipacific.net.au/capq/>) provides a peek at Australia. There's not much depth, but I loved the online Mardi Gras pictures!

Moving to Asia, Japan is represented by two Web magazines. For readers, the choice is simple: *Outrageous Tokyo* (<http://shrine.cyber.ad.jp/~darrell/outr/home/>) provides a much-needed English-language Gay guide to Japan, while *Barazoku* (<http://freedom.gavie.or.jp/jp/barazoku/>) requires your computer to have a Japanese language capability.

**Trikone Magazine** (<http://www.rahul.net/trikone/magazine.html>) focuses on South Asia, but has few of its articles online. *Kabaklaan* (<http://www.tribo.org/badaf.html>) is an excellent compilation of Filipino features, news, and poetry.

**Topical:** *Sapphic Ink: A Lesbian literary journal* (<http://www.lesbian.org/sapphic-ink/>) is a gem. It only has two issues online so far, but the variety is good, the design is excellent, and the collection of Lesbian web links puts my paltry efforts to shame.

*Gerbil* (<http://www.multicom.org/gerbil/gerbil.html>) calls itself "a Queer Culture zine" and lives up to the name far better than anything else out there. It got me wondering if I should take some tips from the "How to Become a Real Life Porn Star" article. *Oriental Guys* (<http://www.ogusa.com/>), also known as OG, is a darn good online magazine. It has news, Gay travel tips and reviews, a Gay penpal area, and more. But most of the men who stop by are probably only interested in the photo gallery.

**Special Interest:** The print version of *Girljock* magazine may be the "magazine for the athletic Lesbian" but their web site (<http://www.tezcat.com/~ksbrooks/Gj/>) is lame. All they do is talk about the print version and include a few letters.

Where to find more: To find more online publications, visit *Queer Press International* (<http://www.cyberzine.org/html/GLAIDS/QPI/qpipage.html>).

It is, at the moment, very trendy in Hong Kong social science academic circles to study gays and lesbians. The latest Hong Kong University lecturer who wants to write about post-colonial queer politics is Chou Wah shan who claims to have written seven books on Gay subjects.

But is he sincere? Why does an allegedly straight man interest himself so much in the Gay world?

Chou said "If I become untrustworthy because I have never slept with men, I wonder what Lesbian-Bi-Gay liberation is fighting for." "If I had (sic) slept with men, does that make my concern for queer politics more sincere or genuine?"

Barrie Brandon, editor of *Contacts Magazine* and a member of the Gay Coalition said "It puzzles me as to why a straight guy would want to write so many books on homosexuality". "Why does Chou equate sex with men as being the same as being Gay? There's a lot more to being Gay than just having sex."

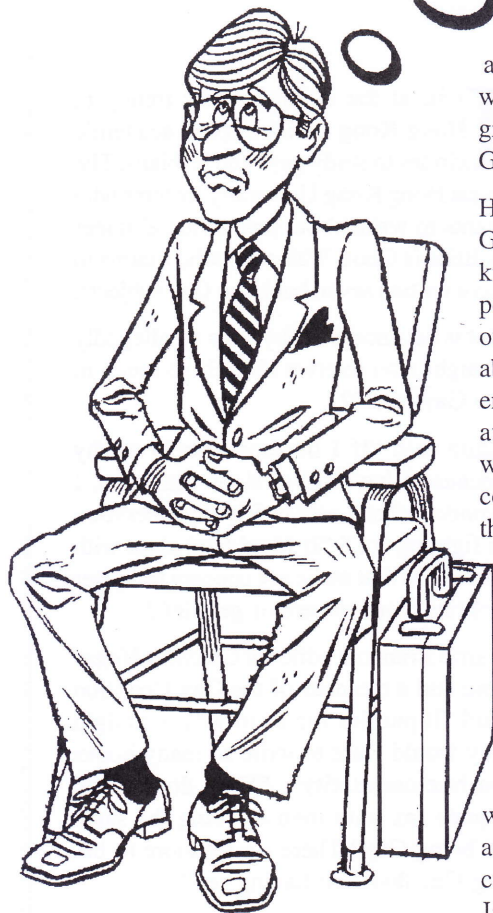
One of Chou's supporters said "Whether Wah shan is straight or gay it is a real sacrifice of him to receive phone calls at 2.00 a.m." "Not just this month, but perhaps for years to come."

"As I (became) more intensely involved in the local movement, Chou said, I am (sic) frustrated by the extent of internalised homophobia and self-denial among Lesbian-Bi-Gay people. I hope to chat with 100 Lesbian Bisexual and Gay people of different social and cultural backgrounds in Hong Kong."

Although Chou claimed he was very passionate about anti-racist politics he failed to clarify what this had to do with his current project on Gay issues.



# I think I might be Gay ... Now What do I do?



## Some information, questions and answers for young, and not so young men, questioning their sexuality.

What does it mean to be Gay? Men who call themselves Gay are sexually attracted to and fall in love with other men. Their sexual feelings toward men are normal and natural for them. These feelings emerge when they are boys and the feelings continue into adulthood. Although some Gay men may also be attracted to women, they usually say that their feelings for men are stronger and more important to them.

We know that about one out of ten people in the world is Gay or Lesbian (Lesbians are women who are attracted to other women). This means that in any large group of people, there are usually several Gay people present.

However, you cannot tell if someone is Gay or not unless he or she wants you to know. Gay people blend in with other people. But they often feel different from other people. Gay teenagers may not be able to specify just why they feel different. All of the guys they know seem to be attracted to girls, so they don't know where they fit in. And, they may not feel comfortable talking with an adult about their feelings.

How do I know if I'm Gay? "I don't remember exactly when I first knew I was Gay, but I do remember that the thought of sex with men always excited me"—Alan, age 19.

"I never had any real attraction towards women, but I really knew that I was Gay when puberty began. I felt an attraction toward the other boys and I was curious to find out what they were like"—James, age 17.

"One day I was flipping through a magazine, there was a cute guy, and bam! I knew"—Antonio, age 16.

You may not know what to call your sexual feelings. You don't have to rush and decide how to label yourself right now. Our sexual identities develop over time. Most adolescents are intensely sexual during the years around puberty (usually between 11 and 15 years old), when their bodies start changing and their hormones are flowing in new ways.

Your sexual feelings may be so strong that they are not directed toward particular persons or situations, but seem to emerge without cause. As you get older you will find out who you are really attracted to.

If you think you might be Gay, ask yourself: When I dream or fantasise sexually, is it about men or women? Have I ever had a crush or been in love with a woman or a man? Do I feel different than other people? Are my feelings for boys and men true and clear? If you cannot answer these questions now, don't worry. You will be more sure in time. You and only you know how to label yourself correctly.

**Making contact** So, you may be ready to find out more. Start by reading. If you feel comfortable, ask the librarian in the public library. Librarians are usually glad to help. If your library does not have much on sexuality you may want to check out the Gay section of a large bookstore, or possibly order books and other material through the mail. Please note that not all books about Gay people are supportive.

Try calling a Gay hotline numbers are listed in the Gay Guide at the back of this magazine. You may want to call from a public phone for privacy. They will let you talk about your feelings and will direct you to organisations that help Gay people.

Remember, Gay people are out there, wherever you are. Trust your instincts. Sooner or later will meet someone who feels some of the same things you do.

"When I first met another Gay person, I felt excited, anxious, nervous and happy. It was an indescribable relief to know that I was not alone, that there was someone else like me. It was also intimidating, not knowing what to expect, but I quickly loosened up and felt relaxed"—Nathan, age 18.

"When I first made contact with another Gay man, I felt a tremendous relief. I couldn't believe I had made a connection. I felt happy but also scared. I felt that I could do or say anything and not worry about it"—Alan, age 19.

"When I first met an-

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other Gay person, it was incredible, refreshing, reassuring, touching, awesome, and wonderful"—James, age 17.

Will I ever have sex? Naturally, you think about finding an outlet for your sexual feelings. Becoming a healthy sexual person is part of the coming out process. You may be scared at the prospect of having sex. This is normal for everyone. No one should start having sex until they are ready. Until then, you may choose to masturbate or fantasise.

Sex should only happen between mature individuals who care about each other. You will know when the time is right.

We all choose to have sex in different ways, whether we are Gay or straight. Gay men choose from a wide range of sexual practices, including masturbation (either alone or with another person), oral sex, anal intercourse, kissing, hugging, massage, wrestling, holding hands, cuddling or anything else that appeals to both partners. You are in complete control over what you do sexually and with whom.

What about AIDS? All sexually active people need to be aware of AIDS as well as other sexually transmitted diseases. Being Gay does not give you AIDS, but certain sexual practices and certain drug use behaviours can put you at risk for catching the virus that causes AIDS. AIDS is incurable, but is preventable.

Here's how to reduce your risk of getting AIDS: Do not shoot up drugs. Sharing needles is the most dangerous behaviour in terms of getting AIDS. Avoid anal intercourse or other direct anal contact. Anal intercourse transmits the virus very efficiently. If you do engage in anal sex, use a condom every time. Use condoms whenever you engage in anal or oral sex (or vaginal if you have sex with women). You should choose latex condoms that are fresh and undamaged. Store them away from heat (your wallet is not a good place to keep them). Use a condom only once. Try to choose condoms with "reservoir tips", and be sure to squeeze out the air the tip as you put it on. Hold on to the condom as you remove your penis; sometimes they slip off after sex. or choose sexual activities that do not involve intercourse: hugging, kissing, talking, massaging, wrestling or masturbating (on unbroken skin).

Learning to like yourself "I had to reject a lot of negative heterosexual and reli-

gious programming that made me feel lousy about myself as a Gay person. I began to like myself by meeting other Gay people and going to a Gay support group. After that I was content with myself"—Bill, age 18. "My aunt is a Lesbian, and she made it clear to me, before I even knew I was Gay, that being Gay was OK"—Antonio, age 16. "I accepted the facts, which means that I don't deny being Gay and I don't pretend to be someone I'm not"—Alan, age 19.

It's not easy to discover that you are Gay. Our society makes it clear what it thinks of Gay people. We all hear the terrible jokes, the hurtful stereotypes and the wrong ideas that circulate about Gay people. People tend to hate or fear what they don't understand. Some people hate Les-

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biens and Gay men. Many people are uncomfortable being around Lesbians and Gay men.

It's no wonder that you might choose to hide your Gay feelings from mothers. You might even be tempted to hide them from yourself.

You may wonder if you are normal. Perhaps you worry about people finding out about you. Maybe you avoid others who might be Gay because of what people will think. Working this hard to conceal your thoughts and feelings is called being in the closet. It is a painful and lonely place to be, even if you stay there in order to survive.

It takes a lot of energy to deny your feelings, and it can be costly. You may have tried using alcohol or other drugs to numb yourself against these thoughts. You may have considered suicide. If so, please consult the phone book for the Samaritans or other hotline. There are alternatives to denying your very valuable feelings.

Who should I tell? "I only tell other people that I'm Gay if I've known them for a long time and if they are accepting and tolerant. I think it's important that they know about this special part of me"—Bill, age 18.

"Since I'm normal, I don't have to hide how I feel. But you should, make sure that you are comfortable with your preference before you blurt it out to just any

one"—Nathan, age 19.

"I tell people that I'm Gay if I know that they won't reject me, will accept me for what I am, and won't try to 'straighten' me out. I test them, I suppose, then I judge if I want to risk telling them"—James, age 17.

More and more Gay people are learning to feel better about themselves. As you start to listen to your deepest feelings and learn more about what it means to be Gay you will begin to be comfortable with your sexuality.

This is the process called coming out. The first step in coming out is to tell yourself that you are Gay and say, "That's OK." Later you may want to tell someone else—someone you trust to be understanding and sympathetic. You might choose a friend or an adult. You will probably want to meet other Gay people for friendship or a more intimate relationship.

Some Gay people are able to come out to their families. You need to decide whether or not to tell your family, and to choose the right time. Lots of people, including parents, simply don't understand Gay people and are difficult to come out to. In the beginning, be cautious about whom you tell.

But it is crucial to be honest with yourself. Just as self-denial costs you, coming out pays off. Most people who accept their sexuality say they feel calmer, happier and more confident.

"No matter what people say, you are normal. God created you, and you were made in this [sic] image. If you are non-religious, you were born and you have a purpose, and being Gay is only part of it"—Nathan, age 19.

"Stand up for what you believe in, and don't listen to what hate-mongers have to say. Stay proud and confident"—James, age 17.

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# R ecognise U s !

by Andrew Mast

**G**ay and lesbian members of the Uniting Church met last month to make their presence felt more strongly within the religious community. The conference titled *Daring To Live...Daring To Move On!* finished with the issuing of a statement that called on the Church to recognise gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people to be accepted as "made in the image of God".

Reverend Coralie Ling, minister at the Uniting Church in Fitzroy told Brother Sister that her parish has openly accepted the gay community for nearly sixteen years. She claims that the weekend's conference, which attracted about 120 people, was about gays and Lesbians taking a stand within the church. Ling said "The 1994 conference was to let the church know that Lesbians, Gays and bisexuals were in their midst. "This time it was about seeking total acceptance and moving on to action". Ling and other supporters of a recent Uniting Church paper that recommends the ordaining of openly Gay ministers and recognising same-sex unions are still finding resistance from conservative members of the Church.

Ling has received abusive phone calls from opponents of the paper and has heard that other Christian groups were outraged by the moves.

"There are some parts of our church," explains Ling, "that still view homosexuality as a sin." She is concerned that issue may prove divisive amongst Uniting Church members but adds, "If these subjects of sexuality remain hidden that may prove to be even more divisive for the Church."

Brother Sister





Sir Roger Casement

*By Colin Richardson*

Roger Casement, one of Ireland's greatest nationalist heroes, was Gay after all. The infamous "Black Diaries", which detail Casement's sexual encounters with men across three continents, have been proved to be genuine.

The BBC Document programme was allowed by the Home Office to subject the diaries to forensic examination. Tests conducted by independent expert, Dr David Baxendale, confirmed their authenticity.

Gay historian, Professor Jeffrey Weeks, isn't surprised. He told London's *Gay Times*: "I saw the original diaries at the Home Office in 1978 and I never had any doubt at all that they were genuine. To my mind they had the authentic flavour of what it was like to be a closeted, upper middle class homosexual in the early part of the century."

Casement was sentenced to death by the British in 1916 to treason after he tried to secure German support for a Free Ireland at the height of the First World War. A campaign for clemency was mounted in the US, Britain and Ireland but it collapsed when pages torn from the diaries were secretly circulated by the British authorities. Casement was hanged at Pentonville Prison on August 3rd, 1916.

For years, many believed the diaries to be forgeries; a dirty trick perpetrated by the British Government. In 1965, Harold Wilson's Government

allowed Casement's remains to be repatriated to Ireland where they were re-interred with full state honours in Dublin.

President Eamon de Valera, the personification of Irish independence and then in his 80s, led the funeral procession and gave the oration.

However, though de Valera named his son after Casement, he was no liberal. As Gay Irish senator David Norris told the BBC, "he would not have relished the thought that he was leading a box containing the mortal remains of a great Irish fairy." Indeed, homosexuality was illegal in Ireland at that time, only being fully decriminalised earlier this year.

Not that illegality seems to have diminished Casement's sexual opportunities, either in London, Dublin or the colonies. As Jeffrey Weeks notes in his book *Sex, Politics and Society*, Casement "records the sexual liaisons, all of which appear to have been casual, with great pleasure, nothing the size of the organs of his pickups as well as their cost in his financial accountancy."

Many entries were written in a kind of code, common to such diaries. (Indeed, Kenneth Williams' diaries, though written over half a century later, follow a similar pattern.) This is a typical example, written in London.

"December 7, 1903: Awful mistake, Dine with Cui B and Mrs C., jolly dinner, strolled. Dick, West End biggest and cleanest mui mua ami."

Other entries, perhaps because written abroad, were more forthright, such as this, from Casement's time in South America: "October 28th: Left P.P. at 7.18 Before leaving, the beautiful muchacho shewed it, a big stiff one, and another muchacho grasped it like a truncheon. Black and thick and stiff as a poker."

Modern sensibilities may find such feverish outpourings offensive, suggesting Casement to be an archetypal exploitative imperialist, treating his colonial subjects as mere sexual playthings. In fact,

Later, he went to Peru where he again protested at the barbaric behaviour of the Peruvian Rubber Company.

His protests led to improved conditions in the colonies, winning him an international reputation as a great humanitarian and a knighthood from Britain.

But this honour did not tempt Casement to adopt a life of easy conformity. Back Ireland, now alert to Albion's perfidious ways, Casement allied himself with the nationalist cause.

When, at the outbreak of World War One, the Conservative MPs Edward Carson and F. E. Smith set up the Ulster Volunteers to thwart by force the establishment of Irish

## Casement's "Black Diaries" genuine, tests prove

Casement, a scion of the Northern Irish Protestant establishment, paid for his pleasures in more ways than one.

Like other upper class homosexuals who came after (Guy Burgess Springs to mind), he became, for the most noble of reasons, nothing less than a traitor to his class and his country.

When he was posted to the Congo in 1903, he publicly condemned the appalling maltreatment of the African people by the British.

Home Rule, Casement had few qualms about seeking arms and money from England's enemy Germany.

By a cruel irony, it was Smith who later led the prosecution case against Sir Roger - just as, 19 years earlier, Carson had prosecuted that other great Irish fairy, Oscar Wilde.

Thanks, oddly, to the BBC, Casement can at last take his place alongside Wilde as a Gay hero and homosexual martyr.



# GAY DAY

# AT



# DISNEY 1996

**O**ver 60,000 Lesbians and Gay men attended the Gay day at Disney World in Florida last month. And while most of them had a wonderful trouble free time, a few who went said the behaviour of some was 'disgraceful and lowered the tone of the whole thing.'

But when was the last time anyone went to a large public place like an amusement park and didn't see people who offended them? Does anyone really think they can go out in public and not see people who don't meet their standards of public decorum?

Jan Weekes, who went with a group of about 20 women from South Florida, said "No one had any problems. Perhaps, it was because we all felt so safe since there were thousands of family members around us. I just got home from the most wonderful week-end. I have never experienced anything quite like it. If you can imagine 50-60,000 family members gathering together in one place, that's what it was like. Red shirts and rainbow clothes

were everywhere. The Disney staff members were friendlier than I've ever experienced."

She went on "I went to the women's festival several years ago and thought nothing could be better than that but this was. I think it was the mix of "boys" and "girls" in a public setting as the majority (seemed like it, anyway) and the hets mingling with us, trying to understand the whole thing. I experienced no negative reactions, other than a few strange looks, after onlookers read the words on my T-shirt. Many just seemed curious."

According to various reports there were a few gay men and lesbians that had in-your-face attitudes or were playing the stereotypical promiscuous roles but the great majority were just 'normal' folks having the time of their lives.

There are plenty of places where members of the straight crowd have been wearing ultra-short shorts and ultra-tight halter/bikini tops. They have been all over each other while waiting for the rides and they were in the presence of children and families. But they go unnoticed because people aren't looking for them.

But surely the issue is not the wisdom of

exhibiting bad taste or inappropriate behaviour. The real issue is not allowing one group of people dictate to another what is or is not bad taste or appropriate behaviour?

Gerald another Gay man who went said "we have been told for decades that the world permits no queer space whatever. so when an event like "Disney Gay Day" takes place the fact that some of our brothers treat the occasion as queer space is not really surprising or blameworthy."

Chris Gilbert said "I'll be very surprised if Disney allows this to take place next year, a lot of families left the park because of our gay communities disgusting display."

The last word goes to Jan who told us "I would heartily recommend going next year for anyone who can go. It's an experience that words cannot sufficiently describe. Being visible and seeing a sea of others... happy, friendly, loving faces, all having a great time, was overwhelming."

Whatever rights or wrongs of it, the fact was that Disney was sold out by noon, something that rarely happens.



# BIAS AT ZIP?

Hong Kong's newest bar Zip maybe very popular with the Gay in-crowd just now but despite having been open only three months there are some who are already critical of the door policies and what they say is negative attitude towards Gay people.

Toby To and two friends decided to have a drink in Zip on a busy Saturday evening in June when they got there he said "the door-man told us that as there were too many people inside he couldn't allow us to go in."

"We respected the people were trying to maintain good service and environment, we simply went away." "But as we were going down the road, we saw three other men going into the bar." We also we saw a few more (all white) men go in.

"It seemed to us, said Toby, that Asian guys, if they were accompanied by white men, could also go in without any problem." As I wondered why we were treated differently, I went to demand an explanation. The door-man's reply was that those guys were 'special VIPs.'

Zip's Assistant Manager Mike was horrified to learn that anyone could even think that the bar practised racial discrimination in any way. He said "this is absolutely not the case...no way!"

He went on to say "there isn't any door policy or membership at present although there ARE plans to introduce both."

Some local Gay activists questioned whether Zip is in fact a Gay bar? Mike, after getting over the horror and shock of anyone not believing that Zip is a Gay bar, said "Everyone is welcome, no bans

of any kind exist nor will they be tolerated."

"What I am concerned about is the inconsistency of how the bar treats the same group of customers on different nights." It's all right if they have a membership system and a door policy to maintain a "chic" or "interesting" clientele. But I think it's got to be consistent and the rules known to all, said Toby."

A well-known drag artist told us "The night it opened, I happened to be in drag, and tried to enter Zip. They told me the same rhetoric about being full. I watched several others go in while I was waiting and 'discussing' this issue with the door-man."

"Determined not to be intimidated, I went back about a month later also in drag." "Once inside, I learned that the doorman the first time around was one of the owners or managers." "When he realised that I had been allowed in (wearing the most fashionable Channel dress he'd ever seen,) he was not very happy."

"I was begrudgingly served my glass of soda water for an amount that would buy me lunch all week at the office." "He obviously realised what a commotion it would have caused to ask me to leave at that point."

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# SEX WRITING

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**H**andwriting is a form of written body language, which reveals our innermost soul, including our sexual personality.

This is because language is a symbol of thought and handwriting is a symbol of language.

Physically creating these symbols results from related mental activity, and has led to the development of symbolic graphic patterns in the collective conscious mind. Universal, these patterns are true for all people of all times, whether seen in the Roman script handwriting we use or Chinese characters or any other system of written symbols.

The understanding of expressions of love and sexuality in writing is a powerful tool for understanding ourselves and other better. It provides valuable indicators of compatibility between potential and actual loving and sexual partners.

With the guidance of a graphologist, it can provide supportive evidence in the writing of suspected sexual abusers of children.

Many handwriting characteristics provide information about loving and sexual behaviour. Take roundness and angularity.

Straight lines, being sharp, aggressive, energetic and the shortest distance between two points, are expressive of the abstract mind. They are also expressive of action.

Unbending and rigid, straight movement, including straight lines in writing, convey authority, ambition and power.

It takes discipline and commitment to form sharp, angular writing, which involves control and precision. The choice of an angular style reflects a loyal, reliable, rigid and uncompromising nature, rather than a warm, gentle and tolerant one. Angular writers are only happy when busy and achieving.

Rounded or curved movements, as formed in dance and writing, permit a discharge of emotional expression and are formed by a relaxed and yielding person, strongly oriented toward harmony, generosity and loving.

These writers enjoy comfort, thrive on friendship and companionship. Generally even-tempered, they prefer compromise to argument and comfort to striving.

It's easy to see there would be little understanding or compatibility between a gentle, romantic, curved writer and an impatient, goal-oriented angular writer, who is much more concerned with things than with people.

Everything we do, say or produce expressed our individual personality: our handwriting is just such another expression of the inner self. Letters and words written close

## Angular writing

angular  
writing

## Rounded writing

rounded  
writing

## Words close Together

Words written close together



together are a subconscious expression of a desire for closeness with people; printed letters, isolated and spaced far apart, show distance from people and a fear intimacy.

Indicating a preference for essentials, the absence of introductory and final strokes suggests an absence of interest in foreplay and afterplay in sexual relations.

Strong pressure strokes with blurred edges reveal high energy and libido.

### Words for apart

*words far apart*

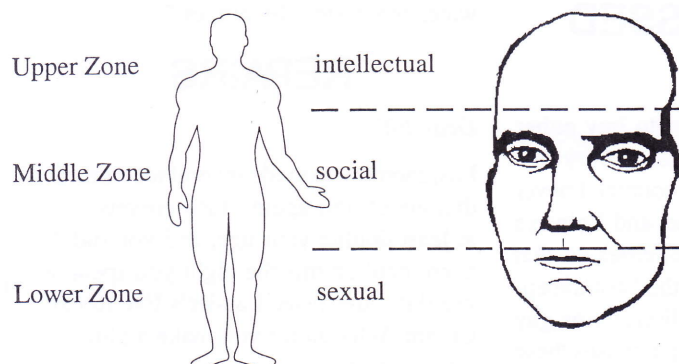
### Strong pressure

*Lets just have sex*

**L**ike the human face and body, lower case letters are divided into three parts and have similar significance, as seen in the following diagram.

In the first of a two-part series, graphologist and linguist Hera Sandison says handwriting is an indicator of sexuality.

### The three zones of human expression:



The zones depict attitudes to life, related to the three areas of human interest: spiritual/intellectual, practical and sensual. Harmony, maturity and well-being results from a balance between these areas, which will be seen in equal ratios of zone dimension in both the face and writing.

Linked with the unconscious mind, instincts and memories, the lower zone is formed by the pen descending, aided by the flexor muscles of the hand, towards the body and the earth, which are connected to survival and the related instincts and drives. Downward movements of the hand and pen in the lower zone relate to love, sensuality and sexual drives.

The upstrokes of the lower loops, returning to the baseline, are a physical completion of the writing task and reveal degrees of determination and perseverance, as much in the sexual area as in others.

The letter g in particular reveals sexual attitudes and behaviour. Length and pressure of the lower loops or stems convey intensity and potential of libidinal drives; the longer the lower zone, the greater the physical needs.

**Short** lower zones indicate limited interest in sexuality.

**“Cradle”** loop show a need for cuddling or touching more than for sexual activity.

**Curled** g stems indicate abnormal sexual interests and possible emotional dishonesty.

**Small** closed loops at the base of stems tend to show insensitivity and lack of sexual fulfilment.

**Triangular** lower loops express anger, sexual frustration and unresolved sexual anxiety.

**Well-formed** middle-zone ovals disclose realistic and active sexual expression. Poorly formed, flattened, thready or scant ovals show lack of sexual focus or outlet. Large middle-zone loops show sexuality consists of more fantasy than reality.

**All loops** express emotion. The wider the upper zone loops, the greater emotional need.

**The lower** extension of the letter p symbolises desire for physical activity. A looped lower p expresses a desire for more sex. Greater inflation of the stem equals greater sexual desire.

**Often** subconsciously associated with the Anglo-Saxon word for sexual intercourse, the letter f reveals sexual attitudes and practices. An f with a large lower loop and no upper loop shows a great sexual drive.

**If your prospective** partner forms a g like this one, known as the perfect love letter, rejoice! It is a strong indicator of a loving, warm person who is content with one partner.

If you don't form this g and would like to be a better lover, then start forming g this way. The results will delight you and your significant other. Altering your handwriting can be a means of changing your sexual behaviour.

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*Mademoiselle Fifi du Mi-sommet*

# Tells

# All...

# *Fifi*

## ROLEX

*Dear Fifi,*

Recently I met an elder gentleman in a club, and while he was much more interested in me than I was in him, I decided to be charitable and went home with him to do the wild thing later that evening. The next day when I awoke, I looked at this man lying next to me, and realised that I was extremely drunk the night before. So without waking him, I slipped on my clothes, and quietly left the flat.

By the time I had reached the street, I realised that I had left my Rolex watch on the bedside table. So I rang the buzzer, and what turns out to be the gentleman's roommate answered the door. He didn't want to let me in to get my watch, so I had to force my way in the door. As I made my way towards the room with the sleeping gentleman and my watch, the roommate began throwing things at me. (I guess he hasn't scored in quite a while) Eventually the police showed up because of the ruckus. What gets into some people that makes them so stupid sometimes?

*Found my Rolex*

*Dear Mr. Rolex,*

The story I heard is quite different. I heard that you had seen the roommate at the club the night before, and found him so attractive you asked him to dance. When he told you "no" you followed him home anyway. You then forced your way into his home and tried to have your way with him. He turned you down again, and your persistence caused him to turn mildly violent. He broke his nail, and had to throw priceless antiques at you to protect himself. While he was calling the police, you looked around the flat for valuables and

found the elder gentleman's watch. By this time the police had arrived, you were arrested and put behind bars. The elder man became indebted to you for life because you didn't even wake him up. But what I want to know is: have the two roommates ever gotten it on?

## EMBARRASSED

*Dear Fifi,*

Every time I go the store to buy either KY jelly, or condoms I feel so very embarrassed at the check out counter. I never buy both at the same time, and I always include heaps of other toiletries so that the clerk doesn't notice the "contraceptives." Is there a more discrete, or gay friendly place I can go to purchases these items?

*Conrad Consumer*

*Dear Connie,*

I used to have a similar problem. The only way to cure yourself is to throw your worries to the wind, and go for the gusto. While you can buy a wide assortment of water based lubricants at Fetish Fashion or through mail order from Contacts Magazine, my most remembered shopping trips have been at the Watson's underneath the Entertainment building. When I'm in need of restocking, I go and pull every large size tube of KY off the shelf and put it in my shopping basket. (there's never more than 8 tubes) I then pull one package of every kind of condom, and place it in my basket. The final item I buy is a pack of breath mints.

I then go up to the clerk, look her in the eye and smile. I give her my AMEX card and softly proclaim "I'm having a few good friends over for cocktails tonite." I

usually get a smile in return. But if you're feeling rude, you could remark "I have a date tonight with a very handsome man of which I haven't yet met." And if you're feeling bashful, try the old standby "my ceiling is leaking, and I couldn't find any buckets in the store. The KY is for the door that's been creaking because the water has rusted the hinges."

## REPAIRS

*Dear Fifi,*

Last month you made several recommendations of anti-ageing face creams. I'm at least double your age, and you didn't even mention this the night you spent at my flat. I use Estee Lauder's Eye Repair Cream. Why didn't you make a plug for this product?

*Senior Citizen*

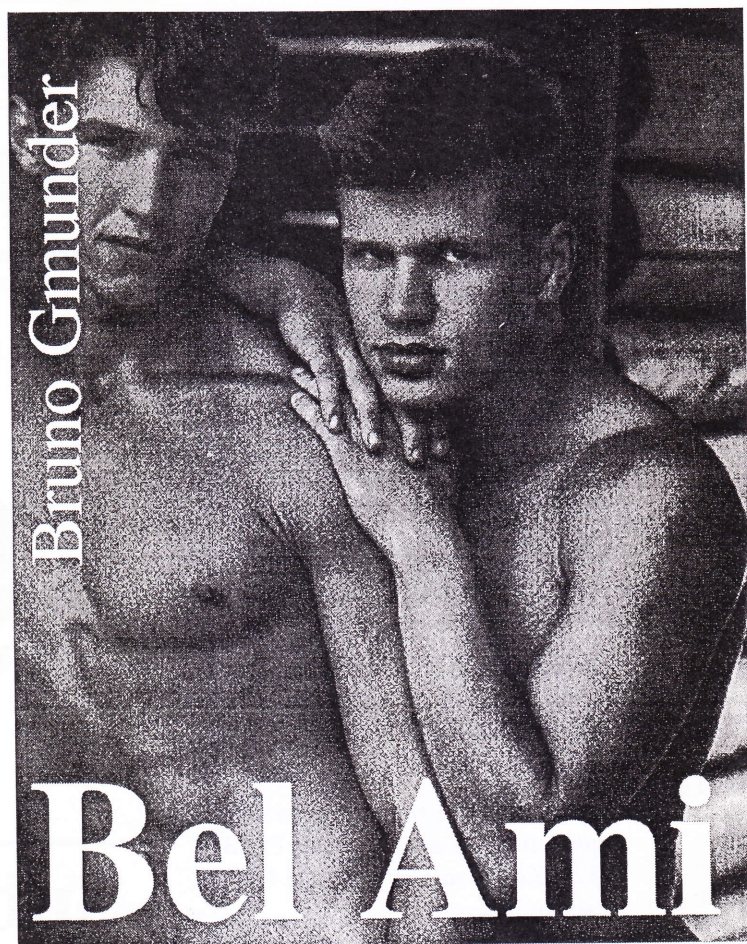
*Dear Senile Citizen,*

I remember you very well. You were the trick I affectionately refer to as "Old Leather Face," and not because you wear an S & M mask. Back when you were filling your closet with trendy designer jeans, I was filling mine with designer face creams and restoratives. Too bad it wasn't the other way round! You are precisely the reason I didn't make a plug for Estee Lauder products - you look like your face had a skin graft from the back of a dead alligator. And that night we spent together was in reality an anthropological experiment as I really only wanted to find out what life was like in Discovery Bay.

**Until next time, keep the condoms coming. And if you have any more scintillating questions, you can reach Fifi at Box 555 Contacts Magazine.**



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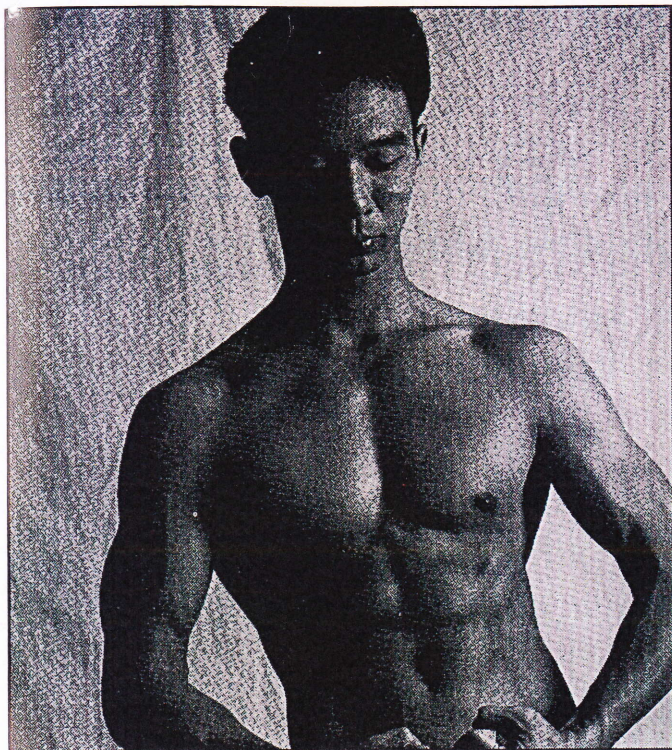
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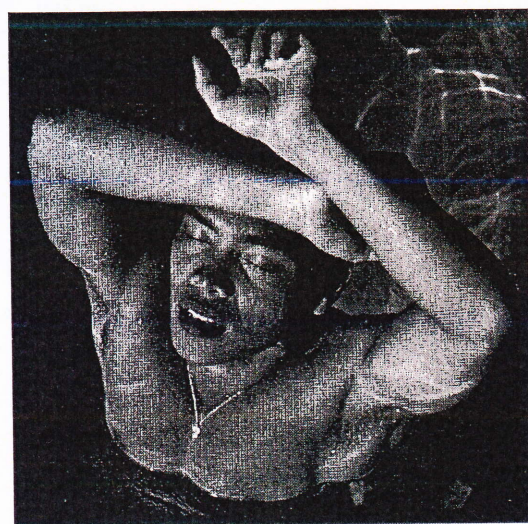
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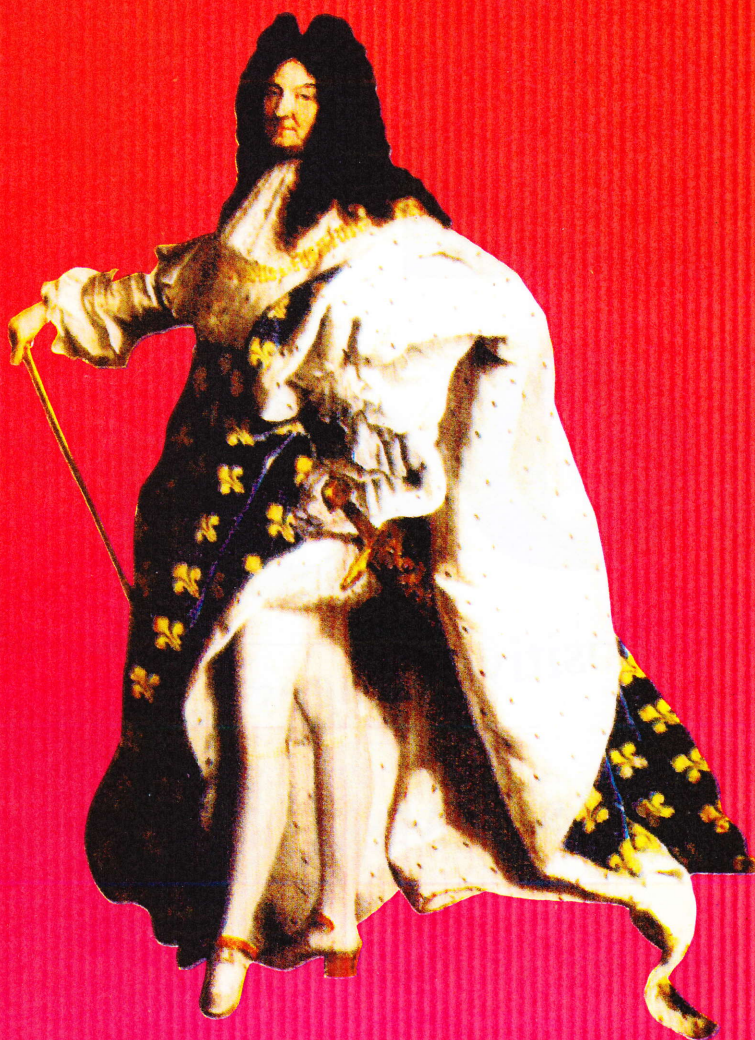


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